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Saturday 4th February, 2023

Welcome Starr Partners

It is our pleasure to welcome Darren Starr and Starr Partners to club races this morning.

Starr Partners have been a long-term sponsor & supporter of our club. This support has helped our club grow and provide equipment and activities over many years. Local sports clubs like ours find it difficult to operate without the support of local businesses like Starr Partners and we greatly appreciate this support.

This morning Starr Partners will be taking some video footage of our club races and also interviewing some members of our club as part of their Community Video Series.

Please make everyone from Starr Partners welcome today and we will be hosting a BBQ after club races to thank Starr Partners for their support.

Remember if you are looking to sell, buy or rent property contact Starr Partners and support their business.

Merrylands SwimFest entries – close today

SwimFest entries close today at 5.00pm. Remember to take advantage of the discounted entry fee for your swims.

See the [website](#) for details and get your entries in today!

Merrylands SwimFest jobs

Planning for the hosting of the SwimFest meet is well underway and we need everyone helping on the day.

There are no club races on the morning of Saturday 18th February so we ask that everyone arrives by 12.30pm to assist with the setup for the meet.

To nominate for roles at the SwimFest [here](#).

Club Uniforms

Order your club uniforms before the Merrylands SwimFest online [here](#).

Relay Competition – new times

If your team has been struggling to match their entry time in the relay competition, you are in luck. This week is Round 7, which means teams can nominate a new time **before** today's swim. So, if unlike the Grumpy Old Men, your team is finding it hard to get near your nominated time, see the Race Secretary to submit a new one.

Remember to nominate your 4 swimmers before the event [here](#).

Learn to Swim

Our Learn to Swim program resumes again this morning. These lessons commence at 9.15am.

Bring a Friend

Do you have a friend who needs practice for their school swimming carnival? Did you know that if they are new to swimming, they can try our Club Races for up to 4 weeks before joining the club? All they have to do is enter online [here](#).

Do your kids know what is going on?

Keep your kids informed about what is happening. Print them a copy of the newsletter to read each week or sign them up to receive a copy via [email](#).

Lions Club Award

Each month the Committee votes for the Lions Club Award – the club's Volunteer of the Year.

You can nominate a club member to recognise their service online [here](#).

Free Membership for kids 8 & Under

Did you know that thanks to Club Merrylands, we provide Free Membership for swimmers 8yrs & Under who regularly swim in our club races? Swimmers who meet the criteria can request a



reimbursement of their membership fee. Details are [here](#) if you haven't claimed your reimbursement yet.

Lucky Door Prize

The Lucky Door prize is drawn again this morning. You could win your choice of a Speedo kickboard, flipper bag or pair of Opal Mirror goggles. How do you win? You must be in attendance at the Championship presentation when your name is called to win.

Junior Swimmers Results

More fantastic swimming and results in the 15m, 25m & 33m races over the last few weeks. Congratulations to the following swimmers on breaking the times for these events:

25m Freestyle

21/01/2023 – Eevi Opano*

25m Backstroke

11/12/2022 – Lily Palise

21/01/2023 – Eevi Opano*

25m Breaststroke

28/01/2023 – William Johnston

33m Freestyle

11/12/2022 – Connor Mackie*

11/12/2022 – Caleb Mackie*

15m Freestyle

7/01/2023 – Talia Jambazian

* broke the time at their first attempt

Championship Records

Last week saw the first of our Club Championship races for the second half of the season. There must have been plenty of training over the break as we saw fantastic swims and 3 club records broken in the 50m Breaststroke Championships.

Lillian set a new record in the [9yrs 50m Breaststroke](#) in a new personal best time of 50.84. Lillian took 1.27 seconds off the record set by Lisa Shrestha in 2020.

Joseph swam a new record time of 40.83 in the [12yrs 50m Breaststroke](#), breaking the record held by Mitchell Emery since 2002. Joseph took 0.76 off the old record.

Lastly, Leo took 1.31 seconds off the [13yrs 50m Breaststroke](#) record, finishing in 37.48. This record had been held by Anthony Ventra since 2006.



Congratulations Leo, Lillian and Joseph on your record swims last week

Upcoming Meet Calendar

Check the [website](#) for the full list of upcoming meets, closing dates, programs and qualifying times.

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
Speedo Sprint Series Heats	12 th February	Closed
Merrylands SwimFest	18 th February	4 th February – 5.00pm
NSW Senior Metropolitan Championships	25 th February & 26 th February	14 th February
Speedo Sprint Series Finals	4 th March	Qualify via Heats meet
NSW State Open Championships	10 th March to 12 th March	28 th February
NSW Junior State Age Championships	25 th March & 26 th March	14 th March
NSW State Masters Championships	1 st & 2 nd April	24 th March
Australian Masters Championships	18 th – 22 nd April	23 rd March